

R. William Campbell, 88



R. William "Bill" Campbell, died peacefully in Duxbury on Oct. 22, 2016 with family at his side. Mr. Campbell was born Nov. 17, 1927 in Allentown, PA to parents Ronald N. Campbell and Alice Gamble Campbell. He lived his childhood in Syracuse, NY, attended Brown University, Syracuse University and graduated from University of Michigan, School of Engineering with degrees in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and civil engineering. He was an award winning sailor during his teen years, a Gold Palm Eagle Scout and served in the Navy. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Barbara Young Campbell.

Theirs was a "yours, mine and ours" family. In 1961 Mr. Campbell's first wife Joan Boaz Campbell, died leaving him with three children under the age of 7 and Barbara's first husband, William Sparks, died leaving her with three children under age of 9 They met in May 1963 in Jackson, MI and were married one month later. They welcomed their seventh child in 1964.

Mr. Campbell spent his engineering career with Hancock Industries in Jackson, MI; Tecumseh Motors, Tecumseh, MI; and Westinghouse Electric in Pittsburgh, PA and Dedham, MA. He loved his antique cars, a 1910 Stevens- Duryea and a 1926 Franklin. He was president of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America, chairman of the board of directors for the Lars Andersen Museum, chairman of the board of directors for the Duxbury Senior Center and held the position of executive director of Camp Kwiturbitchin for 53 years.

Mr. Campbell is survived by his children: Pamela Campbell Smith and her husband Peter Smith of Duxbury; Patricia A. Campbell of Duxbury; Patricia M. Campbell Phillips and husband Corley Phillips of Granite Bay, CA; Thomas Campbell and his wife Karen Farstad Campbell of Londonderry, NH; Scott Campbell of Franklin, MA; Elizabeth Campbell of Silver Spring, MD; and Cynthia Campbell of Cohasset, MA. He also leaves his grandchildren Lauren and David Phillips; Abby Smith and Andrea and Brian Campbell; his sister Louise Campbell Widrig of Fullerton, CA; nephews David and Jim Widrig and extended family.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Friends of Duxbury Council on Aging. Burial will be private. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 29, at 11:30 a.m. at St. John's Church, Duxbury. The Campbell Clan invites friends and family to a luncheon at Duxbury Senior Center immediately following the service. Bring a story, a poem, or just yourself and laugh with us as we share our memories of a wonderful dad, husband and friend.